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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUEBEC 0050

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SUBJECT: FEDERAL ELECTIONS IN QUEBEC: A PARTISAN VIEW

1. FEDERAL LIBERAL PARTY CHIEFS IN QUEBEC HAVE BEEN TOLD  
"IN CONFIDENCE" TO PREPARE TO ELECTION IN JUNE, ACCORDING  
TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PARTY IN QUEBEC, ROBERT  
POIRIER. MINISTER FOR INTERPROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND LEADER OF  
FEDERAL LIBERALS IN QUEBEC, MARC LALONDE, SOURCE TOLD ME IN  
CONFIDENCE, HAS GIVEN HIS POLITICAL LIEUTENANTS JUNE 12  
AS TENTATIVE DATE OF NEXT ELECTIONS.

2. POIRIER IS CONFIDENT THAT LIBERALS WILL WIN BULK OF  
69 SEATS THEY NOW HOLD IN QUEBEC. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT  
MANY ANGLOPHONES IN MONTREAL ARE DISGRUNTLED OVER TRUDEAU'S  
FAILURE TO SUPPORT CHALLENGE TO LANGUAGE LAW. NONETHELESS,  
MOST NOW SEE, HE CLAIMED, DISASTEROUS RESULT OF THEIR VOTING  
AGAINST LIBERALS IN LAST PROVINCIAL AND ARE UNLIKELY REPEAT  
MISTAKE FOR THEY STILL VIEW TRUDEAU AS NATIONAL LEADER BEST  
EQUIPPED DEAL WITH PQ THREAT TO CANADIAN UNITY. AS FOR  
FRANCOPHONES, POIRIER IS CONFIDENT THEY WILL CONTINUE OVER-  
WHELMINGLY SUPPORT A QUEBECOIS AS FEDERAL PRIME MINISTER.  
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